

LOCAL BRIEFS

E. B. Enyart and family attended the dance here Christmas.

The dance given by Stafford and Hale was a success every way except financially. Every one seemed to have a good time and the music was very good.

John R. Spray, who has been a guest of Hotel Cross for some time, left on Thursday's stage to visit his parents at Cottage Grove.

A blue cross on the margin of your paper denotes that your subscription has expired and you are cordially invited to renew; a red cross indicates that you are one year in arrears.

S. C. Johnson manager for the Blue Mountain Telephone Company, made a business trip to Monument this week.

The holidays are over and some have already broken their good resolutions and are waiting till January the 1st 1917 to renew them.

Jas. Frost and B. D. Burtle are building Charles Royse a new and commodious residence on his property east of town.

W. B. Thomas, our former county clerk, returned home Tuesday in fine health and strength, completely cured. The whole county will rejoice at this good news.—Fossil Journal.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents here in Spray, Dec. 26, 1915, Miss Leona Wilkes and R. A. Turner of Fossil, Rev. D. W. Moore officiating. The ceremony took place about 1 o'clock, in the presence of their immediate relatives. Many friends wish for them a long and prosperous married life.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

There is one red steer at our feed yard, with white face and branded R backwards on right side, marked with smooth crop on right ear and will be two years old in the Spring. Owner can have same by paying feed bill and for this notice.

M. F. Nolan, Spray, Ore.

We have been handicapped for a week or two in our business. Sicknes has delayed us and just as we were about up with our work, thru some hitch in the mail facilities our paper failed to reach us for nearly a week. But we will soon be up again and hope to be able to greatly improve over the last few issues that have gone forth.

At a meeting of the Spray Commercial Club held Jan. 1, 1916 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, A. W. Tiedemann, First Vice Pres. O. A. Stafford Second Vice Pres. W. H. Osborn, Secretary, D. E. Baxter Treasurer, R. D. Price Directors, P. A. Dixon, C. L. Morse, E. H. Stewart.

A good and bounteous dinner was served at the home of A. E. Cress Christmas, by Mrs. Cress who is a master of the culinary art. From the roast turkey to the appetizing delicacies, every thing was to a Queens taste. Besides the family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Templeton, their small children and ye editor were partakers of the repast. We do not like to appear extravagant in our wishes, but as we shambled along the road we could not help wishing that Christmas would come 365 times a year.

STATEMENT.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Spray School Fair for the year 1915.

Receipts.	
On hand from last year	\$45.15
Received from the County	100.00
Disbursements.	
Spray Courier for adv.	10.00
Baxter & Osborn	.60
Spray Confectionery	.10
47 Prizes	66.50
Balance on hand	67.95

R. L. Greene Sec'y.

WEATHER AND THE SCHOOL.

Cold, Calm and Clear Days Show the Pupils at Their Best.

Teaching children is not the easiest thing in the world. It presents a problem complicated by many and diverse factors. Some of these are only now beginning to be properly appreciated. One such is the influence of weather conditions.

Investigation has shown that the state of the weather has a marked effect both on the children's conduct and on their mental and physical powers.

This was first clearly brought out a few years ago by an American psychologist, Professor E. O. Dexter, whose researches still are among the most exhaustive and informing that have been made in this novel field of inquiry.

Professor Dexter, studying conditions in the schools of cities at sea level, like New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and of others at high altitudes, found that in the former the pupils were best behaved on cold, calm and clear days. Muggy days were productive of the greatest unruliness. A marked tendency to misbehavior was also noted on hot days and on windy ones.

In high altitude schools, such as those of the city of Denver, where mugginess is seldom in evidence, windy days were found to have the most disastrous effect on conduct. Cold, calm and clear days were again the days of best behavior.

With respect to working ability the same results were observed. Both mental and physical tasks were best performed on cold, calm and clear days.—H. Addington Bruce in New York Globe.

MADE OF THE SPEAKER.

Ancient Emblem Used in the House of Representatives.

In one respect the house of representatives surpasses the senate in dignity. The senate has no mace. Now, a mace is not much in the way of furniture. It is a silver staff mounted upon a staff around which are bands of silver.

This mace is always an emblem of the house of representatives. It is the duty of one employee to look after it. Just before a session of the house begins he takes it from the office of the sergeant at arms into the house chamber, and as soon as the speaker's gavel falls he inserts it in a socket in a stone pillar at the right of the speaker's chair. The mace remains there while the house is in session and is taken out and stood beside its pedestal when the house is in committee of the whole. When the house adjourns the mace is carried back to the office of the sergeant at arms.

This ancient emblem has not a thing to do with the order of business of the house save as one of the old time regulations that are continued. When the house is turbulent an officer seizes the mace and walks through the aisles. Only once or twice when the speaker failed to preserve order, said a Washington correspondent, have I seen an officer seize the mace and walk through the house, waving it backward and forward. Possibly the sight of it brought members to their senses and they retired to their seats. At all events, that is about the only real use for the mace that I ever have observed.

What a Todd Enjoys.

There are few things more amusing than to watch a toddler submitting to the operations of a "back-scratching." He will at first look somewhat suspiciously at the twig which you are advancing toward him, but after two or three passes down his back his manner undergoes a marked change; his eyes close with an expression of infinite rapture, he plants his feet wider apart, and his body swells out to nearly double its ordinary size, as if to obtain by these means more room for enjoyment. Thus he will remain until you make some sudden movement which startles him or until he has had as much petting as he wants, when, with a puff of regretful delight, he will reduce himself to his usual dimensions and hop away, bent once more on the pleasures of the chase.

Fish in Former Times.

Men of former ages, unless they lived near the sea or a river, had great difficulties in gratifying their taste for fish. The great houses had their fish ponds or stews, but sea fish, such as cod, brim, sturgeon, herring and sprats, were salted, and the excessive consumption of highly salted fish in the middle ages is said to have produced leprosy. Fish was also baked in pies to enable it to be carried for great distances.

A Hint of Plagiarism.

"And why do you spurn this child of my brain?" asked the disappointed author as he received his manuscript back.

"Because," replied the editor coldly, "certain familiar passages it contains led me to suspect that it is an adopted child."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Different From Her Ma.

He—Why is it that there's never a match in this house? She (curly)—I can't make matches. He—That's strange; your mother could.—Boston Transcript.

Equivocal Sympathy.

He—I feel nervous, Miss Sibyl. My head feels so full! She—Don't worry if your head feels that way, Mr. Slim. There's nothing in it.—Baltimore American.

The harvest of friendship is gathered only by those who have sown the seeds of a kindly purpose and trust.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles,
Oregon, December 9th 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Edgar B. Enyart, of Spray Oregon, who on August 31st 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 01484 and on August 26th 1915, made additional Homestead Entry No. 015348, for lots 1-2-3-4, NE 1/4, & SE 1/4, Sec. 31, T. 9 S. R. 25 E. & lot 3, Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 25 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter U. S. Commissioner, at Spray Oregon, on the 22nd day of January, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Ed Templeton, Clarence Templeton, Eugene Spray, Robert E. Wright, all of Spray Oregon.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

ISOLATED TRACT

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office The Dalles, Ore.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Sarah F. Chapman, Serial No. 014111, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.25 per acre, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., on the 8th day of February, next at this office, the following tract of land: NW 1/4, Sec. 24, T. 25 N., R. 25 E., Township 9, South Range 23, East and Lot 2, Section 30, Township 9 South Range 24, East Willamette Meridian. (158.69 Acres). This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims, or objections on or before the time designated for sale.

L. A. Booth Receiver
12-9-1-13

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

ISOLATED TRACT.

Public Land Sale—Department of the Interior.

U. S. Land Office The Dalles, Oregon,
Nov. 22nd 1915.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Isaac M. Chapman, Serial No. 014245 will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.50 per acre, at 9:45 o'clock A. M., on the 11th day of January, 1916, next, at this office, the following tract of land: E 1/2 of W 1/2 Sec. 31, T. 9 S., R. 24 E., W. M. (160 Acres). This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

L. A. Booth Receiver
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Department of the Interior.

U. S. Land Office at The Dalles,
Oregon.

Notice is hereby given that Burr Frutchee, of Winlock, Oregon, who, on March the 23 1909, made Homestead Entry No. 04689 and on May 23 1914, made additional Homestead Entry No. 013257, for W 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 19, W 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 20 Township 8 South, Range 24 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter U. S. Commissioner, at Spray Oregon on the 25th day of January, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Peter Hartman, Martin Joanson,
N. S. Nelson, Clarence F. Nash, all
at Winlock, Oregon.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.
12-16-1-20

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